On behalf of the House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved family.

I now request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late Srimathi and Sri Balvantrai Gopalji Mehta and Sri S. P. Sivasubramania Nadar.

Accordingly, the Members stood in silence for a minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Hoganekkal Scheme

* 131. *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to the Legislative Council Question No. 239 on 27th July 1964 (regarding Hoganekkal Scheme) the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: A revised Scheme has been prepared by the Madras State Electricity Board and submitted to the Central Water and Power Commission for its approval.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: When was the proposal of this Government submitted? Have the Government received any reply to their communication? If not, have they reminded the Central Government for taking early action in the matter?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The Central Government cannot take early action. Actually this is a matter for agreement between two States. We are discussing it at different levels.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: What is the nature of difference between the two States regarding the proposal? May I know the main features of the difference?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: We have suggested the location of the dam at a particular site. The Mysore Government have suggested the location of the dam at a higher level at a different site. These are technical matters which require closer examination.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: What is the opinion of the Centre in this regard?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: That is why I said that they would have to examine the technical aspects of both the schemes and that is now with the Central Water Power Commission.

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SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Have the Mysore Government allotted any amount for this scheme in the Fourth Five-Year Plan as the Madras Government have allotted?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no information.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Has any attempt been made by the two Chief Ministers to get together and have a conference as was done in the case of the Tirupati bus transport?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Chief Ministers have informally talked to each other on the subject.

Part-time B.E. Courses

* 132 *Q.*—DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start part-time B.E. courses in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two centres for Part-time B.E. (or A.M.I.E.) courses for Diploma holders will be organised, one at the College of Engineering, Guindy, and the other at the Government College of Technology, Coimbatore, each with an annual intake of about 90 students subject to the concurrence of the Madras University.

DR. H. V. HANDE : What is the likely nature of the period of the course? How many years is the course likely to last?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This is a part-time evening course. We have submitted certain proposals to the University. Our proposal is that it should be for five years. The University has to examine and finally determine the period.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are the Government quite sure that there will not be overproduction of engineers by the introduction of this course?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : On the other hand, it is my personal feeling that there can never be any overproduction of engineers in any country so long as they do not seek jobs. Engineers should try to start industries and there is plenty of scope for doing it.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, எல்.சி.இ., எல்.எம்.இ. ஆகிய தகுதிகள் பெற்றவர்கள் பி.இ. பட்டத்துறையில் சேர்ந்து பயில வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கப்படுமா ?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன் : டிப்ளமா ஹோல்டர்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் இந்த அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படும்.